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BROKAW: Good evening. Saudi Arabia has some important new American military hardware tonight, and President Reagan seems to be expanding U.S. concerns about just what is going on in the Persian Gulf. The Saudis were sent 400 American Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and another tanker plane to refuel fighter planes. Marvin Kalb tonight from the State Department tonight on the hardware and the president's concerns.

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BROKAW: Is there any indication in Washington, Marvin, that the Iranians now are prepared to move against those Saudi fields?

KALB: Tom, there's no clear-cut indication at all. As a matter of fact, within the U.S. intelligence community, there is no agreed-upon assessment of what the Iranians may do next; perhaps suicide missions, perhaps attacks on the oil fields, perhaps in a retaliatory way, more attacks on tankers in the Persian Gulf. But the operative phrase is that intelligence people here just don't know.

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